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FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES October 25, 2010

Chairwoman Debra Lamberti called the Finance Committee of the Town Council to order at 8:02 p.m. All present joined in a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Debra Lamberti, Chairman, Tony Scinto, Vice Chairman, Jane Deyoe, Ann Marie Evangelista and John Rotondo.

Absent: John DelVecchio, Jr.

Also Present: Mr. Daniel Nelson, Chief of Staff, Maria Pires Finance Director, Carl Massaro, Jr., Town Council Chairman, WPCA Commissioners, Laura Pulie and Karen Egri.

1. RESOLUTION TC23-113: BE IT RESOLVED, Moved by Ms. Evangelista, seconded by Mr. Scinto.

That \$2,500 is hereby appropriated from the WPCA Retained Earnings 20-315200 to WPCA 20100000-522202 Professional Services

WPCA Commissioners Ms. Karen Egri and Ms. Laura Pulie were present. Ms. Egri explained that the \$2,500 represents an additional day's work by CCR, the company that conducted the forensic audit of contract 3. The CCR invoice is for a one (1) day unannounced on-site inspection of contract 4. Ms. Pulie stated that the one day inspection was to learn the construction techniques and methods used on the project, typically the methods of building a manhole would not change from one contract to another contract. The funds would be appropriated from the WPCA Retained Earnings account to the WPCA professional Services account. Ms. Pires distributed the Retained Earnings account sheet to the Finance Committee. The invoice represents two (2) people.

Mr. Nelson stated that the two (2) people were a combined team of an engineer and an accountant from CCR.

In response to Mr. Rotondo, Ms. Egri agreed that the breakdown of services would be presented at the November 4, 2010 Town Council meeting. Ms. Pulie stated that inspection consisted of going into the field to see techniques and actual materials used in construction of contract 4, therefore when they look at contract 3 they can see that they are constructing it the same way based upon this site visit. It is a comparison analysis. Mr. Pulie stated that it was not their CCR's charge to inspect contract 4, only to view the methodology of the manhole construction, the materials used. The result of the one-day visit was included in the forensic audit. Ms. Egri and Ms. Pulie agreed to provide the breakdown of services at the November 4, 2010 Town Council meeting. Ms. Egri confirmed that this item had been approved unanimously by the Board of Finance.

VOTE: Motion to recommend to the Town Council carried unanimously 5-0.

2. RESOLUTION TC23-114: BE IT RESOLVED, Moved by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Scinto

That \$57,700 is hereby appropriated from WPCA Retained Earnings 20-315200 to WPCA 20100000-522202 Professional Services.

WPCA commissioners Ms. Karen Egri and Ms. Laura Pulie were present.

Ms. Pulie confirmed that this item had been approved by the Board of Finance. This item represents work to be performed; the purpose of this item is to evaluate the latent defects of contract 3. They will quantify and determine the cause of some of the issues in contract 3. They will also go back and test material that had been used as backfill, look at the video tapes to determine if there are any problems with the sanitary sewer line and chimneys, look at the thickness of the pavement to make sure it is to spec, look at the construction of the manholes and will make sure the pipe that was installed had been installed as it had been paid by the unit price. Patch testing will also be done. This is a study that will be done to quantify what it will cost for the remediation of the project. Ms. Pulie confirmed that there are defects in the project, there are areas where the roads have cracked, not the entire portion of the project, but a good amount of roads have been impacted. If the report comes back and identifies negligence there is a possibility the cost of this report would be shifted to the responsible party. This item is not part of the forensic audit, but is similar to work performed. Mr. Nelson stated that this work would be performed by Tighe & Bond and the forensic audit had been performed by CCR and the Beta group. Mr. Nelson stated that contract 3 had already been assessed, this item would be coming out of the operational account of the enterprise form; this is not a project cost.

Ms. Pulie confirmed that this item is to assess contract 3, not contract 1 or 2. There have been issues and concerns found. Ms. Egri stated that contract 3 had the least amount of inspectors. Mr. Rotondo noted that he was glad that this assessment was being done.

Ms. Pulie noted that the data from this report would be completed in approximately a month or two. Mr. Nelson stated that there are warranty issues; therefore they are trying to get the report done by the end of December 2010.

Mr. Rotondo requested the exact warranty expiration date for contract 3 and the anticipated completion date of the report be provided at the November 4, 2010 Town Council meeting. Ms. Pulie and Ms. Egri agreed. Mr. Rotondo noted that the Town Council may need to consider emergency legislation on this item if it is approved. Ms. Pulie noted that the Public Works Director would like to get this started as soon as possible if this item were approved. Mr. Nelson stated that there is a WPCA meeting scheduled for October 27, 2010 and these questions would be addressed then.

VOTE: Motion to recommend to the Town Council carried unanimously 5-0.

There being no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Evangelista the Finance Committee of the Town Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,	
Margaret D. Mastroni	